GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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TOURIST WARDENS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to use the services of retired defence personnel as tourist wardens to bolster the security of visiting tourists in the country particularly in Delhi in the wake of forthcoming Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM(SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence the matter is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories, including Delhi. In order to ensure safety and security of tourists, Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy Tourist Police in the States/Union Territories. In addition,Ministry of Tourism in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Directorate General of Resettlements and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, has framed guidelines for formation of Tourist Security Organisation(s) comprising Ex-Servicemen, for the safety and security of tourists. The guidelines have been sent to State Governments & Union Territories including Delhi.